

Management. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DROUGHT IMPACT REDUCTION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled "The Role of New Surface and Groundwater Storage in Providing Reliable Water and Power Supplies and Reducing Drought's Impacts." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on S. 256, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

GREEN CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R.1215, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANIES PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Private Equity for Small Firms: The Importance of the Participating Securities Program." Testimony was heard from Jaime Guzman-Fournier, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment, SBA; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation approved for full Committee action H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—WASTEWATER BLENDING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Wastewater Blending. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; and public witnesses.

ENHANCED ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TAX ACT OF 2005

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1541, Enhanced Energy Infrastructure and Technology Tax Act of 2005.

FBI BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FBI Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Marketing and Regulatory Programs, the Office of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and the Office of Food Safety and Inspection Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine implementation by the Department of Defense of the National Security Personnel System, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force acquisition oversight in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 364, to establish a program within the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping activities, S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, S. 432, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, the proposed Surface Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2005, and the nominations of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Promotion List, Coast Guard Promotion List, and Coast Guard Promotion List, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine how to solve the tax gap, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine lifelong education opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings to examine a review of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), focusing on the impact of the

UMRA has had on Federal, state, and local governments and explore if changes are necessary to strengthen the law's procedures, definitions, and exclusions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the ongoing need for comprehensive postal reform, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 119, to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, S. 555, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, and the nominations of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, and Janice R. Brown, of California, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and James C. Dever III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine deportation and related issues relating to strengthening interior enforcement, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Recruiting and Retention, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, on Science and Technology, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., and on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress and Public Witnesses, 9 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses: Native Americans, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on International Relations, joint hearing regarding U.S. national security and foreign policy implications of arms exports to the People's Republic of China by member states of the European Union, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on the Department of Defense's major rotorcraft programs, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on The Best of Head Start: Learning from Model Programs, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to continue mark up of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The ORBIT Act: An Examination of Progress Made in Privatizing the Satellite Communications Marketplace," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Review and Oversight of the National Flood Insurance Program," 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Grant Reform: The Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005," 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "The Need to Strengthen Information Security at the Department of Homeland Security," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Operations, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 2005-2006: Department of State Management Initiatives, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing on Averting Nuclear Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Relationship between the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 432, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; H.R. 481, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act of 2005; and H.R. 1492, To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on the 2004 Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing entitled “The Estate Tax and the Alternative Minimum Tax—Inequity for America’s Small Businesses,” 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Transforming the Federal Aviation Administration: a Review of the Air Traffic Organization and the Joint Program Development Office, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on The National Preparedness System: What are we preparing for? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on United States-China Economic Relations and China’s Role in the World Economy, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on 2005 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2006, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., and executive, hearing on

General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget, 10 a.m., HJ-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Director of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America, 10 a.m., 345 CHOB.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine problems experienced by unregistered religious communities operating within the Russian Federation, 11 a.m., 2200 RHOB.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook for April, 9:30 a.m., 2212 RHOB.